



LAC LA BELLE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

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Commissioners Meeting
THURSDAY, May 19, 2022– 7:00 P.M.

Town of Oconomowoc Town Hall

6812 Brown Street
Oconomowoc, WI 53066

“The LLBMD seeks to promote environmentally conscious and fiscally responsible decisions by providing education, enhancing a healthy lake ecosystem and ensuring safe use of Lac La Belle for today and tomorrow.”

Minutes

1. Call to Order

B. Nattinger called the meeting to order at 7:06 P.M.

2. Roll Call of Commissioners

Present

Bruce Nattinger

Jeff Bode

Ernie Bollinger

Karen Carr

Jim Groose

Dave Zimmerman

Absent

Terry Largent

3. Comments from the Floor

- Ginny Pease - Lac La Belle Drive - Received a postcard in her mailbox advertising for a company that “pulls out lake weeds at the root”. She is very concerned that people will be buying this service which will damage the aquatic plants that are already in short supply. J. Bode agreed to follow up with the company to inform them of the damage this causes the lake.

- Richard Paul - Lac La Belle Drive - Looking for information about the work being done to the LLBGC creek and also has concerns regarding where the property/money will go if the Foundation is dissolved.

4. Correspondence

- 5/9 to 5/11/22 Emails with Rick Brown regarding concerns about wake surfing.

- 5/11 to 5/12/22 Email with Jean Wangard regarding winter activity & noise on the ice.

5. Approval of April 21, 2022 LLBMD Meeting Minutes

E. Bollinger moved to approve the minutes from the April 21, 2022 LLBMD Meeting as presented. K. Carr seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. Motion carried with D. Zimmerman abstaining.

6. Discuss & Act on Current Treasurer's Report (Goose)

J. Goose presented the Treasurer's Report with a \$30 discrepancy from a returned bank fee. He indicated that he will correct this in forth-coming addendum.

7. Discuss & Act on Future Land for Sale / Lac La Belle Foundation (Nattinger/Conley)

Bob Conley presented on behalf of the Lac La Belle Foundation and wished to clarify that there is no plan to disband the Foundation. Currently, they are looking for financial support to purchase land from the Village of Lac La Belle as a conservation measure to protect the watershed. Conley cited Cedar Lake and Pewaukee Lake as examples of lakes where there are significant areas of land being held in a similar manner. The Foundation plans to walk to land with Tall Pines Conservancy on 5/20 at 11:00am and they invited any interested LLBMD members to attend.

8. Discuss & Act On West Wisconsin Avenue Dam Grates (Bollinger/Bode)

The DNR has issued written approval to move forward with the installation plan. This should be a one or two day project. LLBMD has been able to secure a \$1000 grant from the Waukesha County Conservation Alliance to be put toward this project. The main variable with this project is that the condition of the existing grates is currently unknown.

9. Discuss & Act on DNR/Commercial Fishing Contract (Bollinger)

E. Bollinger reports no change on the status here. Ben Heussner, DNR Fisheries Biologist, is still attempting to get bids for the fishing to occur this Fall or Winter.

10. Discuss & Act on Lac La Belle Creek Restoration Project at The Club at Lac La Belle / Targeted Runoff Management Grant (Bode)

J. Bode reports that there is no change in the status of this project. The Village of Lac La Belle is unwilling to move forward with applying for the needed permits due to LLBMD and City funding being contingent on the resolution of the DNR's open enforcement case against the Prestwick Group/LLBGC. In order for work to occur this winter, bids need to be obtained this summer/fall. LLBMD has agreed to open conversations with both the City and Village about possible ways to proceed with the project with the DNR violations still unresolved.

11. Update on 2022 Shoreline Restoration (Carr)

To date, about six property owners have expressed interest in being considered for this season's shoreline restoration work. The deadline for submission is June 1. After that date, all interested properties will be vetted for further consideration.

12. Discuss & Act on 2022 Grants (Bode)

- a. Clean Boats, Clean Waters - Boat launch monitoring will be starting Memorial Day Weekend with interns onsite all three days.

b. Lake Planning - Nothing to report.

13. Discuss & Act on Educational Activities Related to Wave Effects on Area Lakes
(Bollinger)

Discussion took place on this matter with the consensus being that the majority of wakesurfing activity is coming from lake residents vs launched/visiting boats. The commissioners are hopeful that the information and map sent in the newsletter will educate lake users about the best practices. E. Bollinger has also volunteered to discuss installing signage at the launch with the City of Oconomowoc.

14. Review Progress of Aquatic Vegetation Plan (Nattinger)

- Watershed Pollution Control
 - TRM grants and contributions to conservation organizations.
- Water Quality Monitoring
 - This is currently happening on both ends of the lake and posted on the DNR website.
 - Discussion about possibly using leftover grant money to do a mass balance of the lake. J. Bode to follow up with Heidi Bunk.
- Soft Sediment Bay Area Protection
 - No activity at this time.
 - Increased “slow, no wake” is an option. Newsletter info & map should help with education.
- Carp Removal & Control
 - Discussed above in #8 and #9
- AIS Management
 - Discussed above in #12
- Aquatic Plant Management
 - Focusing on protection of the existing plants before bringing in additional
- Vegetative Survey
 - Bollinger/Bode did survey with interns at the end of last year and found no significant change
- Aquatic Plant Awareness & Appreciation
 - Planned involvement with local newspapers & events

15. Discuss & Act on Goose Roundup (Carr)

No significant interest in proceeding with Goose Roundup this year; item tabled.

16. Discuss City of Oconomowoc Boat Launch Upgrades (Nattinger)

City Council approved a motion to move forward with a Memorandum of Understanding regarding cost sharing with the Town & Village. There is a long way to go on this project.

17. Discuss Revisions to Agenda Items For Next Regular Meeting – July 21, 2022 @ 7PM

- Discuss & Act on Future Land For Sale / Lac La Belle (Nattinger)
- Discuss & Act on Dam Grates Progress (Bollinger/Bode)
- Discuss & Act on DNR/Commercial Fishing Contract (Bollinger)
- Discuss & Act on 2022 Shoreline Restoration (Carr)
- Discuss & Act on Lac La Belle Creek Restoration Project At The Club At Lac La Belle / Targeted Runoff Management Grant (Bode)
- Update on 2022 Grants – Clean Boats, Clean Waters Grant, Lake Planning Grant (Bode)
- Discuss & Act on Educational Activities Related To Wave Effects On Area Lakes (Bollinger)
- Discuss City of Oconomowoc Boat Launch Upgrade (Nattinger)

18. Adjournment

K. Carr moved to adjourn the May 19, 2022 LLBMD meeting at 9:44PM. E. Bollinger seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes prepared by:

Kristine Depies
Recording Secretary